

Fisheries Management (Possession Limit) (Estuary Cockles) Order 2026

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, DAVID MCPHERSON, A/Executive Director Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister and the Secretary in pursuance of sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, and in pursuance of section 17C of that Act, make the following Order.

Dated this 30th day of January 2026



DAVID MCPHERSON

A/Executive Director Fisheries

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW

1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Fisheries Management (Possession Limit) (Estuary Cockles) Order 2026*.

2 Commencement and duration

This notification commences on the date it is published on the Department's website and will remain in force for a period of 5 years from and including the date of commencement.

Note: This notification is urgent and, pursuant to section 17C(3) and (4) of the Act, will be published in the NSW Government Gazette as soon as practicable after publication on the website of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Order:

possession limit means the maximum quantity of fish that a person may have in the person's possession in any specified circumstances.

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

(2) A reference in this Order to the common name of a species of fish does not limit the scientific description of that species. If there is an inconsistency between the common name and the scientific description of the species, the scientific description of the species prevails.

4 Possession limit for Estuary Cockles

The possession limit for the species of fish described in Columns 1 and 2 of the table in the Schedule to this Order is, when the person in possession of that species of fish is in or on or adjacent to any waters or is transporting or storing the fish, the quantity specified in Column 3. The possession limit specified in column 3 does not apply in respect of fish in the possession of a commercial fisher for sale.

Schedule

Column 1 Common name	Column 2 Species	Column 3 Possession Limit
Cockle	<i>Anadara trapezia</i>	20

Note: The *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019* imposes a possession limit for Cockles, Pipis and Blue Mussels (also known as Mussels) of 50, comprised wholly of Cockles or wholly of Pipis or wholly of Blue Mussels or partly of each. This Order limits the maximum quantity of Cockles that can be in a person's possession to 20, whether in combination with other species or not.

Note: This notification is made in conjunction with the Fisheries Management (Estuary Cockle Fishing Closure) Notification 2026.

Fisheries Management (Estuary Cockle Fishing Closure) Notification 2026

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, DAVID MCPHERSON, A/Executive Director Fisheries, with delegated authority under sections 227 and 228 of the Act, give notice of the following fishing closure under section 8 of the Act.

Dated this 30th day of January 2026



DAVID MCPHERSON

A/Executive Director Fisheries

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Notification

This notification is the *Fisheries Management (Estuary Cockle Fishing Closure) Notification 2026*.

2 Commencement and duration

This notification commences on the date it is published on the Department's website and will remain in force for a period of 5 years from and including the date of commencement.

Note: This notification is urgent and, pursuant to section 9(2) and (3) of the Act, will be published in the NSW Government Gazette as soon as practicable after publication on the website of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

3 Definition

(1) In this notification:

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

- (2) A reference in this fishing closure to the common name of a species of fish does not limit the scientific description of that species. If there is an inconsistency between the common name and the scientific description of the species, the scientific description of the species prevails.

Part 2 Fishing Closure

4 Fishing Closure

A recreational fisher, or any other person, not being a commercial fisher, who takes fish for sale, is prohibited from taking more than 20 Cockles (*Anadara trapezia*) on any one day from all waters.

Note: This notification is made in conjunction with the Fisheries Management (Possession Limit) (Estuary Cockles) Order 2026.